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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: EC RESTRAINTS ON LINEN

REFS: (A) STATE 78622, (B) STATE 77167

1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER MARCH 28, EC COMMISSION TEXTILE OFFICIALS TRAN VAN THINH AND BECK OFFERED ASSURANCES THAT COMMISSION IS REFLECTING ON A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF RESTRAINTS IN MFA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS COVERING PRODUCTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE MFA.
 2. AS POINT OF CLARIFICATION, THEY STATED THAT EC HAS CONCLUDED NO RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE MFA ON SILK. BECK ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT EC HAS NOT SOUGHT AND IS NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY RESTRAINTS ON LEATHER UNDER THE MFA. AS TO LINEN, THE ONLY BILATERAL WHICH COVERS LINEN IS THAT WITH ROMANIA. EC OFFICIALS ADDED THAT LINEN POSES THEM
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A PROBLEM ONLY AS AN EAST EUROPEAN EXPORT AND THAT, IN ADDITION TO ROMANIA, ONLY HUNGARY AND POLAND ARE PRESENTLY PROBLEMS.

3. TRAN VAN THINH AND BECK STATED THAT THEY WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ROMANIANS NEXT WEEK AND ARE THINKING OF NEGOTIATING A SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON LINEN WHICH WOULD

RESOLVE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO TSB HANDLING.
IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION REFTTEL A THAT EC RECONSIDER
NEED FOR RESTRAINTS ON LINEN, EC OFFICIAL BECK RESPONDED
THAT, WHILE EC WOULD TRY TO MEET US OBJECTION TO
INCLUSION UNDER MFA UMBRELLA, COMMISSION WAS UNDER MEMBER
STATE PRESSURE TO LIMIT LINEN IMPORTS AND THAT ANY
CHANGE IN POLICY WAS UNLIKELY AT THIS POINT.

4. EC OFFICIALS OFFERED TO GET BACK TO MISSION WITH
MORE DETAIL AFTER THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIANS
NEXT WEEK. MORRIS

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